

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 11-14 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to complete with the enablement requirement. Specifically, the Examiner does not believe that there is written description for claims that recite a telephone network employing circuit switching wherein the telephone network performs the storing, controlling, transmitting and clearing the data transmissions. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have amended the claims to clearly claim methods and networks that include controlling charge metering in a telephone network utilizing an electronic credit as described in the specification. The claimed methods can be utilized in both IP and Circuit-Switched Networks.

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over LeLeu in view of Corwith. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The claims have been amended to clearly claim methods and networks that for controlling the resources of the decentralized network in order to reserve a data path and control units for communicating voice data between two terminals. As discussed in the background, it is a problem in the prior art that the centralized network was requested to reserve the resources of decentralized terminals, thus requiring additional changes to the protocols and inefficient processing. This invention resolves the problems in the prior art by using an electronic credit that reserves the resources for the data communication at the terminal end, i.e., rather than requesting the central network.

Neither LeLeu nor Corwith describe or suggest controlling the resources of a decentralized network in order to reserve a data path and control units for communicating voice data between two terminals in the claimed manner. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-14 should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to

withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Attorney Docket No. 449122020100. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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